

REMARKS

Claims 7-8, 16-18

Claims 7-8 and 16-18 have been canceled. Applicants do not concede that the subject matter encompassed by claim 1 and its dependents as originally presented is unpatentable over the art cited in the rejection. Rather, claims 7-8 and 16-18 have been canceled solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the remaining claims, and the right to pursue additional claims, including the subject matter originally encompassed by claims 7-8 and 16-18, in this or future applications is reserved.

Claims 10, 11

Applicant hereby requests rejoinder of claims 10 and 11. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to require all limitations of an allowed independent claim.

New Claims

New claims 19-20, based on pending claim 12, have been added to further define and vary the scope of the present invention. The claims are fully supported in the present application and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Allowance of the new claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, he or she is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned at (408) 971-2573.

Respectfully submitted,

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